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Sent: 9/18/2019 8:59:07 PM
To: Wise, Robert [Wise.Robert@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: 210 and 216 Slauson - Excavation Workplan

Hi Rob,
Thanks for the advice on this. I've told Robert Ehe at LARWQCB that the removal will happen with or without his concurrence, and have given him a date of October 9 to get comments in. The only reason for including him in the conversation is that I intend to issue a final PolRep the minute the last scoop of soil from the 10' interval leaves the site. I want to make sure the hook is firmly set in the Board's mouth before that point so they don't screw over the Solis family by letting the site go fallow.

Any suggested language for traversing these kinds of mine fields is always welcome.

Cheers,

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From: Wise, Robert <Wise.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 210 and 216 Slauson - Excavation Workplan

Do not ask for concurrence from the water board. That opens you up to their public comment requirements. Now that the rattle snake has been poked, did you give them a deadline for their comments or concurrence. If not send them a deadline. Otherwise they take forever. I will be in the office tomorrow, let's talk about this site.

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On Sep 17, 2019, at 4:53 PM, Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. Bowyer, et al.,
Attached please find EPA's comments regarding the W. Slauson Tanker Fire Excavation Workplan. The Excel spreadsheet is a tabulated version of the same comments in pdf document. These comments do not cover any potential LARWQCB concerns or input, so please expect comments from Robert Ehe under separate cover.

My biggest concerns revolve around protecting the health and safety of workers and the surrounding residential neighbors, as well as ensuring that the Solis family has input on the end points of the soil excavation and backfill conditions at 216 W. Slauson.

From my point of view, it's ok to proceed with planning the excavation (setting a date, etc.), provided these comments are addressed in a timely manner. I would like concurrence from LARWQCB and a representative of the Solis family before granting a final go ahead. I believe that the house at 216 will be demolished on, or about October 7, so perhaps that would be a good deadline for comments.

If there is a need for a meeting to hammer out technical issues, I can offer up a conference room in our downtown Los Angeles offices. I would need about a week to arrange that. Please speak up if you think it would be helpful.

Feel free to contact me regarding questions or concerns about these comments and/or EPA's expectations during the excavation.

Sincerely,

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From: Brett Bowyer <brettbowyer@bowyerenvironmental.com>
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Subject: 210 and 216 Slauson - Excavation Workplan

Hello Ben and Robert,

Please find attached the workplan for the soil excavation in association with the property located at 210 W. Slauson in Los Angeles, California. The schedule for this work is contingent on the removal of the existing building at 216 Slauson, and the acquisition of any necessary permits from the City of Los Angeles and SCAQMD.

If you have any questions with respect to this workplan, please feel free to call.

Thank you.

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